

## Verb + (Object) + to . . . (I want to do / I want you to do, etc.)

### A

want ask help expect beg would like would prefer

These verbs are followed by to . . . (*infinitive*). The structure can be:

*verb* + to . . .

or *verb* + *object* + to . . .

- We expected to be late.
- We expected Tom to be late.
- Would you like to go now?
- Would you like me to go now?
- He doesn't want to know.
- He doesn't want anybody to know.

Be careful with want. Do not say "want that":

- Do you want me to come with you? (*not* Do you want that I come)

After help you can use the verb with or without to. So you can say:

- Can you help me to move this table? or Can you help me move this table?

### B

tell remind force enable teach  
order warn invite persuade get (= persuade, arrange for)

These verbs have the structure *verb* + *object* + to . . . :

- Can you remind me to call Ann tomorrow?
- Who taught you to drive?
- I didn't move the piano by myself. I got somebody to help me.
- Jim said the electrical outlet was dangerous and warned me not to touch it.

In the next example, the verb is *passive* (was warned):

- I was warned not to touch the electrical outlet.

Note that you cannot use suggest with the structure *verb* + *object* + to . . . :

- Jane suggested that I buy a car. (*not* Jane suggested me to buy)

For suggest, see Units 32 and 50.

### C

advise encourage allow permit forbid

There are two possible structures after these verbs. Compare:

*verb* + -ing (without an object)

*verb* + *object* + to . . .

- I wouldn't advise staying in that hotel.
- I wouldn't advise anybody to stay in that hotel.
- She doesn't allow smoking in the house.
- She doesn't allow anyone to smoke in the house.

Compare these examples with (be) allowed (*passive*):

- Smoking isn't allowed in the house.
- We aren't allowed to smoke in the house.

### D

Make and let

These verbs have the structure *verb* + *object* + *base form* (do/open/feel, etc.):

- The customs officer made Sally open her case. (*not* to open)
- Hot weather makes me feel tired. (= causes me to feel tired)
- Her parents wouldn't let her go out alone. (= wouldn't allow her to go out)
- Let me carry your bag for you.

We say make somebody do . . . (*not* to do), but the passive is (be) made to do . . . (with to):

- I only did it because I was made to do it.






# Exercises

**52.1 Complete the questions. Use *do you want me to ... ?* or *would you like me to ... ?* with one of these verbs (and any other necessary words):**

come    lend    repeat    show    shut

1. Do you want to go alone, or *do you want me to come with you* \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Do you have enough money, or do you want \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Should I leave the window open, or would you \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Do you know how to use the machine, or would \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Did you hear what I said, or do \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**52.2 Complete the sentence for each situation.**

1. Lock the door.  OK. She told *him to lock the door* \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why don't you stay with us for a few days?  Yes, I'd like to. They invited him \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Can I use your phone?  No! She wouldn't let \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Be careful.  Don't worry. I will. She warned \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Can you give me a hand?  Sure. He asked \_\_\_\_\_.

**52.3 Complete these sentences so that the meaning is similar to the first sentence.**

1. My father said I could use his car. My father allowed *me to use his car* \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I was surprised that it rained. I didn't expect it \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Don't stop him from doing what he wants. Let \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He looks older when he wears glasses. Glasses make \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I think you should know the truth. I want you \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Don't let me forget to call my sister. Remind \_\_\_\_\_.
7. At first I didn't want to apply for the job, but Sarah persuaded me.  
Sarah persuaded \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My lawyer said I shouldn't say anything to the police.  
My lawyer advised \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I was told that I shouldn't believe everything he says.  
I was warned \_\_\_\_\_.
10. If you have a car, you are able to go places more easily.  
Having a car enables \_\_\_\_\_.

**52.4 Put the verb in the right form: -ing, infinitive (to do / to read, etc.), or base form (do/read, etc.).**

1. She doesn't allow *smoking* \_\_\_\_\_ in the house. (smoke)
2. I've never been to Hong Kong, but I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ there. (go)
3. I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me \_\_\_\_\_ ? (do)
4. She said the letter was personal and wouldn't let me \_\_\_\_\_ it. (read)
5. We were kept at the police station for an hour, and then we were allowed \_\_\_\_\_ . (go)
6. I wouldn't advise \_\_\_\_\_ in that restaurant. The food is awful. (eat)
7. The movie was very sad. It made me \_\_\_\_\_ . (cry)
8. Lauren's parents always encouraged her \_\_\_\_\_ hard at school. (study)